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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Atsushi OTAKI, et al.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371**

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated December 8, 2006, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 USC 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Our payment in the amount of \$0.00 is paid herewith by credit card. If any difference exists between the amount due and the amount being paid herewith, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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